# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
# LOK SABHA

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WHEAT PRICES
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

(a) whether wheat prices are rising sharply with difference in prices between FCI openmarket sales price and mandi price to the extent of Rs. 120/- per quintal;

(b) if so, whether this has adversely affected the States depending on FCI wheat supplies;

(c) whether FCI does not stock wheat in non-wheat producing States or ports of export; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and corrective steps taken in this direction?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA )

(a)&(b): No, Sir.

(c)&(d): Food Corporation of India (FCI) maintains adequate stocks in all the States/UTs including non-wheat producing ones, to meet their requirement under various schemes. Besides, the requirement of wheat for the domestic industry in the non-wheat producing States is also being met by FCI through the Open Market Sale Scheme (Domestic) for which certain stocks of lustre lost wheat and wheat of the crop year 1999-2000 and earlier have been exclusively reserved.

PSUs and private parties get their supply of wheat for exports from the procuring States and from the surplus stocks in non-wheat producing States, available if any.